WHO'RE THESE MEN, ISHII-SAN?
WHICH ONE IS THE INFAMOUS HYDE?
CAREFUL WHAT YOU TOUCH!
THIS AIN'T AN AMUSEMENT PARK!
WHAT A SURPRISE!
HE'S THE ONE ON THE LEFT...

TROUBLE MAKER
麻煩的情人
scene3. Photographer's Melancholy

GO AWAY!
SMACK
EVEN A BLIND MAN COULD TELL HOW INCOMPATIBLE YOU ARE WITH HIM!
WHEN YOU GET OLDER YOU SHOULD TRY LOWERING YOUR STANDARDS SOMETIME!
IT'S NOT AS IF I'M AN OLD MAN! I'M ONLY 32!
WHAT'S A BRAT LIKE YOU DOING IN SCHOOL SO EARLY ANYWAY?
POUT
I HAVE AN EARLY STUDY HALL THIS MORNING
HEY, HOW ABOUT I WORK FOR YOU AFTER GRADUATION.
I'LL MAJOR IN PHOTOGRAPHY. BUILD A GOOD FOUNDATION,
AND SOON I'LL BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO SOCIETY
WHO ARE YOU KIDDING? YOU CAN BARELY HOLD A PART-TIME JOB WITHOUT GETTING FIRED WITHIN THE FIRST WEEK!

I'M BEGGING YOU ISHII-SAN!
THAT'S "SHACHOU" TO YOU!
OR I'LL FIRE YOUR ASS FOR SURE!
What a nag--
CAREFUL
YES SIR!
EH?
YOU ARE NEW HERE?
THAT'S RIGHT!
QUIT YOUR BLABBERING!
AKIRA, COME MOVE THESE BOXES!
PUSH!
I'M MATSUZAKI, ISHII-SAN'S NEW ASSISTANT!
PLEASED TO MEET YOU!

Hmph!
How unusual...
ANGRY
ISHII-SAN,
I'VE GOT TO CONSTANTLY WATCH THAT BOY
SO HE DOESN'T BREAK ANYTHING
Ah
AS IF I REALLY GIVE A DAMN!
HE DOES MAKES A USEFUL DELIVERY BOY
Sigh
THAT'S BECAUSE HE LACKS EXPERIENCE
ARE'NT YOU BEING TOO HARSH WITH HIM?
SNICKER
IF I WANT TO, I CAN FIRE HIM TOMORROW!
GRIN
SNICKER
Oh really?

rustle
HMPH
LET'S TALK BUSINESS
LET ME SEE
HYDE COME OVER FOR A SECOND
Coming
sudden
How's everything going?
Great!

COMPARED TO HIM I AM REALLY OUT OF THE LEAGUE
He is Hyde...?
.....
Ishii-san's love
.....
Slam
I'M HOME
OH?
Grip

SHINJI-NISAN!
Ah!
Eh
LONG TIME NO SEE!
HOW COME YOU ARE HOME?
I HAPPENED TO BE NEARBY SO I THOUGHT I'D DROP BY TO SAY HI
DID MOM FORCE YOU TO GO TO ANOTHER WEDDING MATCH?
HAHA.
I KNOW MANY RESPECTABLE YOUNG WOMEN.
PLUS YOU RE VERY HANDSOME AND SUCCESSFUL.
YOU'RE 28 ALREADY, MAYBE IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO CONSIDER STARTING A FAMILY
MOM!

THAT'S TOO BAD
SORRY TO DISAPPOINT AUNTIE
BUT I'M SWAMPED AT WORK
I HOPE YOU CAN UNDER-STAND
THAT I HAVE NO TIME FOR MARRIAGE RIGHT NOW
MY APO-LOGIES,
AL-THOUGH
Ah.
LIFE IS VERY GOOD RIGHT NOW
I'D BE BLESSED IF THINGS REMAINED AS THEY ARE
sigh
I'LL LET THIS GO IF YOU INSIST .
It seems that nii-san's finally found The One
From the look of it...

For him, whether it is career or love,
it all comes so easily
BY THE WAY, CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW JOB WHAT IS IT?
AH... I'M A PHOTOGRAPHER'S ASSISTANT
OR MORE LIKE HIS SLAVE
OH? YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PHOTOGRAPHY?
WELL BECAUSE I USED TO DO THIS WITH FRIENDS,
BUT IT'S ONLY RECENTLY THAT I'VE GAINED THE TRUE PASSION.
A FEW TIMES, I WANDERED INTO THE GALLERY
AND ENDED UP STUDYING THE PHOTOS FOR HOURS WITHOUT MOVING
THE BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOS GAVE ME THE GREATEST IMPRESSION.

I WANT TO VIEW THE WORLD AS HE ONCE DID WITH THOSE TALENTED EYES
I WAITED AT THE GALLERY EVERYDAY AND EVENTUALLY FORCED HIM TO HIRE ME
I WAS DEEPLY TOUCHED BY ITS WARMTH
IT MADE BLOOD RUSH THROUGH MY VEINS
HOPEFULLY I'LL BE AS GOOD AS HIM ONE DAY
Mmm
This could take a while
chuckle
HAVE YOU TOLD HIM WHAT YOU'VE JUST SAID?
I DID DURING OUR FIRST MEETING
HE ENDED UP LAUGHING HIS BUTT OFF!
Being admired by a child this young,
is also a type of accomplishment.
HE MUST'VE BEEN HAPPY TO HEAR THOSE WORDS FROM YOU.

He was happy...?
REALLY?
HE TREATS ME LIKE A CHILD AND ACTS SO COARSE, NEVER TAKING ANY OF MY SUGGESTIONS SERIOUSLY
NO ONE'S AN EXCEPTION TO FEELING HAPPINESS WHEN SOMETHING THEY'VE WORKED HARD ON IS PRAISED
THAT'S WHY HE HAS A SOFT SPOT FOR YOU
DO YOU LIKE HIM?
Huh?
GOOD I'LL BE ROOTING FOR YOU!
YOU WOULD NEVER KNOW HE IS FAMOUS BY JUST LOOKING AT HIM
SUIKI
Ah
? like him?

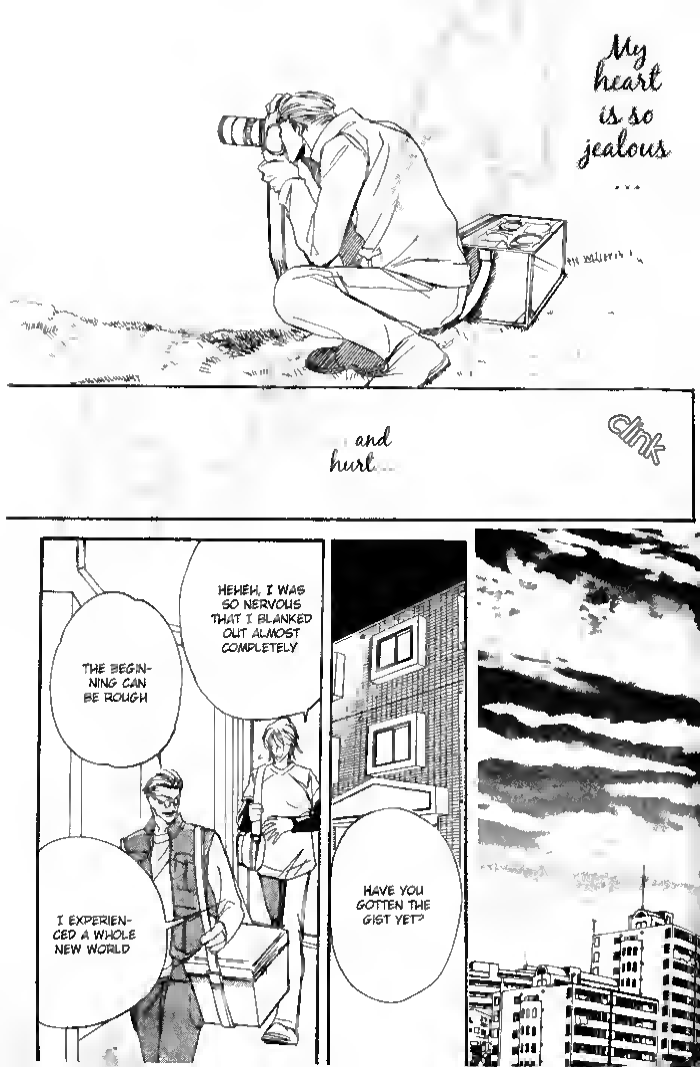
I'm so sorry!
THE SUN HAS SET!
Only... I don't know the degrees of love...
TOO SLOW!
FROM NOW ON, GET HERE 5 MINUTES EARLIER.
BUT THERE WAS NO SHOOT SCHEDULED FOR TODAY...?
I DON'T LIVE A DAY WITHOUT TAKING PHOTOS!
UM, WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?
YOU'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH

THE CENTRAL PARK?
NO MODELS CAME TODAY
LOOK AROUND KID, THEY'RE EVERY-WHERE
THE WOODS THE MOUN-TAINS AND ALL NATURE HAS TO OFFER!
EH?
TODAY IS YOUR FIRST MOCK SHOOTING SESSION
HAVE FUN

Sigh
GYA!
BUT IT'S SO SUDDEN... FINE, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE PHOTOS OF?
shuffle
YOU'VE LONGED FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY, RIGHT?
I AIN'T EXPECTING AN AWARD-WINNING PHOTO, JUST DO WHAT YOUR HEART TELLS YOU.
IT'S BETTER TO GET USED TO IT NOW THAN LOSING YOUR WITS LATER AT AN IMPORTANT SESSION.
But I don't know how to do that
STAGGER
USE YOUR LEFT HAND FOR SUPPORT.
THEN WE SET THE FOCUS.
Loves Loser
UWAH!
BLUSH

AKIRA?
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
YOU MUST STAY CALM AND HAVE STEADY HANDS
WAIT
click
I HAVE FAITH IN YOUR TALENT AND THE CAMERA
IN TIME YOU'LL LEARN TO MERGE THEM INTO A WHOLESOME THING JUST SHOOT FREELY FOR NOW
ALTHOUGH YOU WON'T GET ANYTHING GOING AGAINST THE LIGHT LIKE THIS
EVERY CAMERA HAS IT'S OWN TOUCH AND IT IS UP TO YOU TO KNOW THEM WITH YOUR HEART
click
IF YOU NEED ME I'LL BE RIGHT OVER HERE
RUSTLE
OK.
...?

I ALMOST DIED BACK THERE...
hee
COLLAPSE
Hump
Hump
Hump
"Do you like him?"
SO IT'S TRUE
I feel overwhelmed
I've really fallen in love with this pretentious old head!
This is stupid
Why must he be a man whose heart already belongs to someone else?


My heart is so jealous ...
clink
and hurt...
HEHEH, I WAS SO NERVOUS THAT I BLANKED OUT ALMOST COMPLETELY
THE BEGINNING CAN BE ROUGH
I EXPERIENCED A WHOLE NEW WORLD
HAVE YOU GOTTEN THE GIST YET?

THAT'S AN EXAGGERATION
haha
haha
REALLY? HAHA
MAYBE I GOT OVER EXCITED
WHAT'S WRONG?
IS IT A COLD OR FEVER?
EH? ME?
IT'S NOTHING I ZONED OUT
wow
Hyde
HEY, YOU GUYS JUST GOT BACK?
GOOD I CAME AT THE RIGHT TIME

I MEANT TO DROP THIS IN THE MAILBOX
THE CHIEF ASKED ME TO GIVE YOU THESE ART SHOW TICKETS
NO NOT YET
THANKS,
ARE YOU HEADED STRAIGHT HOME?
UM, I NEED TO GO WASH UP...
BAM
AH...
HEY!
So it's true that Ishu-san likes Hyde?
and it's not just a case of admiration?
Pat
WHAT HAVE I GOTTEN MYSELF INTO?

SFX: SHAKE*SHAKE
Maybe they've even done it before!
OKAY, BREATHE
HE HASN'T ADMITTED ANYTHING YET
ARGH! STOP THINKING!
Click
Uwah!
WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?
UH, YEAH.
WHERE'S HYDE-SAN?
HE LEFT.
YOU HAVEN'T STARTED TO DEVELOP THE NEGATIVES YET.

DON'T YOU HAVE A THING FOR HIM?
HE JUST CAME TO DROP THE PACKAGE OFF THAT'S ALL
Sigh
IS THAT SO?
THAT'S WHY I GOT OUT OF YOUR WAY AS FAST AS I COULD
WHY DO YOU ASK?
IDIOT!
KIDS YOUR AGE SHOULDN'T WASTE SO MUCH ENERGY ON USELESS ROMANCE
Kyaa
I'M NOT SO PATHETIC THAT I NEED A CHILD TO LOOK OUT FOR ME,
WHY DON'T MIND YOUR OWN LOVE LIFE FOR ONCE
DIDN'T YOU COME HERE TO DEVELOP THE NEGATIVES? IF SO, GET TO IT!
I AM NOT A CHILD!!

I KNOW I'M YOUNG COMPARED TO YOU,
BUT EVEN CHILDREN TRY THEIR BEST!
DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE I LIKE INTRUDING IN OTHER'S LIVES?
YOU'RE WRONG!
UH... AKIRA-KUN?
I KNOW I CAN'T COMPARE TO HYDE-SAN,
BUT I'M TRYING MY BEST TO CATCH UP!
HUH?
HIDE-SAN AND I ARE NOT IN THE TYPE OF RELATIONSHIP YOU THINK
THE ONLY REASON I DID IT...
...IS BECAUSE I LIKE YOU!

WE'RE ONLY BUSINESS PARTNERS
PLUS IT'S NOT MY THING TO STEAL ANOTHER PERSON'S LOVE
AS FOR LOVE, I PREFER WHEN IT'S GIVEN FREELY
I'm so stupid! Why'd I have to open my mouth?!
SORRY
MIS-TAKE?
SO... IT WAS ALL A...
I DIDN'T SUSPECT YOU HAD SUCH STRONG FEELINGS FOR ME
Blush
!!
SO, YOU BELIEVE YOU CAN SATISFY ME?
Sigh...
MAYBE YOU'RE JUST BEING COCKY.
...THAT,
HOW DO YOU KNOW IF YOU DON'T GIVE ME A CHANCE?!

IF YOU INSIST.
LET'S PUT THE WORDS INTO ACTIONS SHALL WE?
Unn
---
haa!
THAT'S GOOD
Aah
GRIP
Blow
Unn Nn
SUCK
YOUR TECHNIQUE'S NOT BAD FOR A BEGINNER.
Be-cause
DON'T STOP

Hmm
JUST DO WHAT I ASKED
CHANGE POSITION WITH ME
Sorry
Was that uncomfortable for you?
THIS IS SO VERY OUT OF MY EXPECTATIONS,
WHAT A NAG...
Aah!!
...OK
Ugh, nn!
Ah!
Ahh,
What about you, Ishii-san?
I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT YOU ARE NO LONGER A CHILD
Do you
Do you like me too?
If he is only after my body,
doesn't that leave me too pitiful?

Like me,
Ishii-san, please like me!
SILLY RABBIT,
!!
Hold tight
I ONLY EMBRACE THE ONES I LOVE.
Aaahh!
HOLD IT! YOU ARE TELLING ME THAT CHIEF..... IS YOUR BIOLOGICAL COUSIN?
You two look nothing alike.
IS THAT BAD?
oh?
HOW COME I KNEW NOTHING ABOUT IT?!
The END

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